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All—

For those of you who could not make the briefing due to call capacity, please see the below talking points that were shared.

We look forward to working with all of you further.

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Energy Independence Executive Order

Top Line:

- Today marks the start of a new era in American energy production and job creation.
- By issuing this Executive Order, President Trump is reducing unnecessary

regulatory obstacles on American jobs and energy production.

- o This order directs the EPA to suspend, revise, or rescind four actions related to the so-called “Clean Power Plan” that would stifle the American energy industry.

- o This will allow the EPA to focus on its primary mission of protecting our air and water.

- This executive action will eliminate federal overreach, restore economic freedom, and allow our companies and our workers to compete and succeed on a level playing field.

- The President listened to the struggles that coal miners have endured – the attacks on their jobs and their livelihoods – and promised that he would put them back to work.

- o He is now taking bold action to follow through on that promise and put an end to the war on coal.

- We are going to start a new energy revolution – one that celebrates American production on American soil.

- o We believe in the magnificent phrase: Made In The USA.

Details:

- This Executive Order calls for an immediate re-evaluation of the so-called Clean Power Plan.

- o Perhaps no single regulation threatens our miners more than this crushing attack on American industry.

- Second, it lifts the ban on federal leasing for coal production.

- Third, it lifts the job-killing restrictions on the production of oil, natural gas, clean coal and shale energy.

- Finally, it returns power to the states – where it belongs.

- o States and local communities know what is best for them, and they are the ones we should empower to decide.

Background: What was wrong with the Clean Power Plan?

The Clean Power Plan (CPP) has serious legal and policy flaws. For years, energy

producing states have argued that this plan is an overreach by EPA, interfering with the states' sovereign rights. As directed by this Executive Order, EPA will review the CPP to ensure that the agency is abiding by the Clean Air Act and respecting the rule of law.

A bipartisan majority in the 114th Congress rejected the CPP, which was promulgated under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act.

In February 2016, the Supreme Court took the unprecedented step to stay the implementation of the CPP. The stay is for good reason as the CPP was being challenged by over 150 entities including 28 states, 24 trade associations, 37 rural electric co-ops, and 3 labor unions.

American electricity producers have done an incredible job using cutting edge ingenuity and technology to deliver clean power to American businesses and families. The public and private sectors should be proud of the progress made on this front. The American people have done their part. It's time for the federal government to do its part.

When it comes to environmental protection, we've got a lot to celebrate. According to EPA, since 1980 there's been a 65% reduction in the 6 principle pollutants under the Clean Air Act's National Ambient Air Quality Standards program. This has occurred at the same time more Americans have used more energy and driven more cars, more miles.

Promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment are very important to President Trump, and EPA is vital to that mission. Recently that mission has been undermined, because EPA has ignored the law as defined by Congress and attempted to assert control over a large part of the economy.

This Executive Order will help return EPA to its core mission.

We will ensure clean air and clean water and we will also have strong economic growth and job creation at the same time. That is what the American people want and expect and that is we are going to deliver at EPA.

